AUDENSHAW
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report

on the State of the Public Health of

AUDENSHAW,

1923,

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Cause of Death :—

The Following table shows the causes of death during 1923 :—

	Total	Males	Females
Enteric Fever...	1	1	0
Whooping Cough	5	0	5
Influenza	3	3	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System...	8	7	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases...	2	1	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease ...	12	6	6
Cerebral Hæmorrhage &c. ...	6	3	3
Heart Disease.....	13	5	8
Bronchitis	10	1	9
Pneumonia (all forms)	7	3	4
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	2	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	2	2	0
Diarrhœa &c. (under 2 years).	2	1	1
Appendicitis and Typhilitis...	1	0	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .	3	2	1
Accidents and Diseases of pregnancy and parturition...	1	0	1
Congenital debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	6	5	1
Suicide.....	1	0	1
Other Deaths from violence...	3	3	0
Other defined Diseases	15	7	8
Totals	103	51	52

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The two chief notifiable diseases were Scarlet Fever and Pneumonia. There were 43 cases of the former and 24 of the latter. Out of the 43 cases of Scarlet Fever 40 were notified during the first six months of the year. Of these 43 cases, 25 occurred in an area covered by Bye Street

to Haughton Road, (including Guide Lane, King Street, Howard Street, Pitt Street, &c), 9 occurred in the Audenshaw Road district, 4 in Denton Road to Corporation Road area, 3 between Bye Street and Guide Bridge Station, and 2 on Droylsden Road 25 of the cases were from the Poplar Street Council School.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The notification of this disease is fairly prompt and efficient.

	Tuberculosis							
	New cases				Deaths			
Ages	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
years	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
10-15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15-20	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
20-25	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
25-35	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
35-45	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
45-55	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
55-65	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
65 and upwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	4	2	6	7	1	1	1
Totals	5		8		8		2	

There were 3 non-notified Tuberculosis deaths out of a total of 7 deaths.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES					
Number Notified	Treated At Home	Treated Hospital	Vision Un-Impared	Vision Impared	Deaths
1	1	0	1	0	0

SCHOOL CLOSURE.

One School was closed on account of the prevalence of Whooping Cough.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

	Date of adoption
The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890	Mar. 5th, 1891.
Public Health Acts Amendment Acts, 1890, Parts 1, 2 and 3	" "
Public Health Acts Amendment Acts, 1890, Part 4	July 2nd, 1903.
Private Street Works Act, 1892	April 6th, 1893.
Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889	" "
Public Health Acts Amendments Act, 1907, Part 2, 3, and Sections 52-66 and 68 of Part 4 with certain variations	Nov. 16th, 1908
Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889, (Ophthalmia Neonatorum)	July 7th, 1910.
Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889 (Cerebro Spinal Fever and Acute Poliomyilitis)	Feb. 1st, 1912.
Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1893.	July 3rd, 1913.

LOCAL ACT.

Audenshaw Urban District Council Act	1908.

The Council has in force the following Bye-laws :—

New Streets and Buildings	March, 1915.
Offensive Trades	" 1907.
Nuisances	" 1907.
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements, and of Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools,	" 1907.
Common Lodging-Houses	" 1907.
Slaughter Houses	" 1907.
Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops (Regulations)	July, 1907.

SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, &c.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME:—

(*a*) General. This is carried out by the District Nursing Association.

(*b*) Infectious Diseases. No provision is made for this.

MIDWIVES.

There is one midwife on the County Register practising in this district. No provision is made by this Authority.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There are no clinics in the district, but Tuberculosis is dealt with by the County Council at their Dispensary in Ashton-under-Lyne.

Venereal cases are sent direct to the Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary.

The Council are joint owners of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Stalybridge Smallpox Hospital at Hartshead

Other Infectious cases are sent, when necessary, to the Hyde Infectious Disease Hospital at Gee Cross, where two beds are retained at a cost of £18 per bed per annum.

CHILD WELFARE.

There is a centre in this district, which is under the control of the County Council. The Centre is well attended and every assistance given to those attending.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious cases:—Hyde Borough Hospital Ambulance.

Non-Infectious cases and Accidents:—Ashton-under-Lyne and Denton Council Ambulances.

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NUISANCES.

Total Nuisances found	403
Total Nuisances abated	301
Statutory Notices served	0
Informal Notices served	120

Number of defective or choked drains	26
„ „ „ closets	81
„ „ „ gullies	18
„ „ ashpits	12
„ „ yards and passages	10
„ housing defects	245
„ accumulations of rubbish, &c.	4
Miscellaneous Nuisances	7
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INSPECTIONS, &c.

Number of visits *re* cases of Infectious Disease	135
„ „ to Factories and Workshops	37
„ „ Bakehouses	19
„ „ Offensive Trades	2
„ „ Laundries	1
„ „ Outworkers	9
„ „ Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	41
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SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Number of Observations taken	3
,, Proceedings instituted	0
,, Warnings sent	0

REFUSE REMOVAL.

Month	Ashbins	Ashpits	Pails	Cess-pools	Loads	Loads per day
Jan.	3356	156	220	—	130	6·0
Feb.	3127	118	176	—	118	6·0
Mar.	2729	145	176	2	137	6·5
Apr.	3438	166	220	—	170	6·6
May	2585	110	132	—	104	6·3
June	3841	117	220	—	157	6·1
July	3849	147	220	—	149	5·6
Aug.	2116	88	132	—	89	5·4
Sept.	2569	174	220	2	149	5·8
Oct.	4681	167	176	—	143	6·0
Nov.	2684	154	220	—	145	6·3
Dec.	2891	113	176	—	137	6·1
Totals.						
1923	37866	1655	2288	4	1628	
1922	38904	2235	2365	8	1985	
1921	28511	2219	2793	6	2508	
1920	26475	1572	2626	8	2096	
Average per Month.						
1923	3156	138	191	—	136	6·1
1922	3242	186	197	—	166	—
1921	2376	185	233	—	209	—
1920	2206	131	219	—	175	—

Estimated weight of refuse removed :—

	1923	1922	1921	1920	
Total	1750	2040	2610	2140	tons.
Per head of population	4½	5	6½	5½	cwts.
Per House	18	21	27	23	cwts.